

PREVENT VEHICLE THEFT

- If you have key-less ignition and start your car your car may still be stolen even if the key "fob" is not in the car.
- **NEVER** leave your keys in the ignition, not even for a minute.
 - ▶ Vehicles are commonly stolen at convenience stores, gas stations, ATMs, etc. Many vehicles are also stolen on cold mornings when the owner leaves the vehicle running to warm up.
- **ALWAYS** lock your doors
- Park in a secure garage or gated area when possible
- Park in well-lit areas
- Create a **Smart911 Safety Profile** and include your vehicle information

INVEST IN AN ANTI-THEFT DEVICE

- Use a brake pedal lock
- Install a hidden kill switch
- Install an audible alarm
- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Etching
 - ▶ Stolen cars/parts are more easily traced when the VIN's have been etched on car windows and major parts.
- Install a tracking and alert device

IF YOUR VEHICLE IS STOLEN:

- Report it to the police immediately!!
- Be ready to provide the vehicle make, model, year, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and color of the vehicle.
- Contact your insurance company



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CALL 911

to report suspicious activity such as:

- ✓ Checking for car alarms by bumping or hitting the car window/bumpers for sensitivity
- ✓ Pulling on door handles
- ✓ Looking into car windows

STAY ALERT

especially in these areas:

- ✓ Parking garages
- ✓ Parking lots
- ✓ Street parking